Dear Students,

This year, you and I will write letter to each other about books, reading, writers and writing. Our letters will help us learn together. The letters will help you learn more about reading. When you write letters in this folder, do your best work and share your best thinking.

* All letters need to be written in proper letter format
* All letters need to be one page long.
* The first paragraph MUST include a prediction about what you think will happen next in your book. You will need to support your prediction with specific evidence, events, and details from the book.

Please remember that I do not want a summary of what has happened so far in your book. I would like to know your deep thinking about what you have read.

After you have written your prediction, the rest of your letter will focus on any of the following ideas:

* My last prediction was right/wrong because…
* I can connect to this character because…
* A part of the story that surprised me was… because…
* The character probably acted this was because…
* The setting of the story is important because…
* I like/dislike this character because…
* I wonder…because…
* This part of the story reminds me when…
* I admire this character because…
* How has this character changed throughout the story?
* This is a good/bad title for this story because…
* How the book reminds you of other books, especially the characters, events, or setting
* How the book reminds you of yourself, people you know, or of something that has happened in your life.
* The author’s craft: what was good about the author’s writing? (Word choice, style, etc.)
* From the events that have happened to this character, I think that he/she has learned…
* The big idea I am getting from this story is…
* If I were (character in the story) I would…because…
* I feel sorry for…because…
* If I could become a character in this book, I would...because…

Or any other thought or idea you would like to share with me. Please make sure that you give as much detail, example and evidence from the book that you possibly can.

We will have so much fun writing back and forth to each other this year!

Love & Smiles,

Mrs. Zalusky